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13. (Amended) A method for producing at least one nonwoven surface layer on a fabric comprising introducing crimped fibers having three-dimensional crimps and a yarn count of between 0.9 dtex and 5 dtex during the preparation of the fabric.

Please add the following new claims 15 and 16:

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--15. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein said yarn count is between 1 and 3.3 dtex.

16. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein said fibers are obtained by spinning a polyamide-based composition.--